

## **Victim-Witness Assistance Program**

### **Mission:**

The Victim-Witness Assistance Program intends to promote sensitive treatment of and provide direct services to victims of crime.

### **Goals:**

- Respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims.
- Assist victims of crime to stabilize their lives after victimization.
- Assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system.
- Provide victims with information and referral for services.
- Inform victims and witnesses of their rights pursuant to victims' rights legislation, as well as, the Victims' Rights Constitutional amendment.

### **Implementation Strategies for FY2003:**

- To explore new avenues for volunteer recruitment so that more services can be provided to an increased number of victims and witnesses.
- The program will also assist victims of spousal abuse and stalking who seek civil protective orders by providing Court accompaniment and referrals to community agencies. During Victims Rights Week, Child Abuse Prevention month and Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness month, program personnel will enhance community awareness of the program through public service announcements and other community activities.
- With the addition of the work-as-required position or part-time assistant, it is anticipated that the program will see an increase in the number of clients as well as services. The additional personnel will also allow the existing staff to pursue new projects and collaborative efforts with allied professionals.

### **Budget Issues:**

- In FY2002, funding was provided for work-as-required staffing to support an increased number of victims and witnesses.
- For FY2003, a request has been made for an additional part-time employee. If approved, work-as-required money will no longer be needed.

General Fund Expenditures	FY1999 Actual Expenditures	FY2000 Actual Expenditures	FY2001 Actual Expenditures	FY2002 Original Budget	FY2002 Expected Appropriations	FY2003 Proposed Budget
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Personnel Services	81,344	85,580	92,616	103,347	103,347	113,596
Contractual Services	667	-	878	500	500	400
Internal Services	67	-	-	-	-	-
Other Charges	4,207	3,376	3,571	3,780	3,780	4,605
Materials & Supplies	2,313	1,586	1,916	1,000	1,000	1,975
Capital Outlay	-	-	2,100	-	-	1,900
Activity Total	<u>88,598</u>	<u>90,542</u>	<u>101,081</u>	<u>108,627</u>	<u>108,627</u>	<u>122,476</u>
Percentage Change	2.99%	2.19%	11.64%	7.47%	N/A	12.75%

#### FTE's

Management	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional/Technical	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Admin/Clerical	-	-	-	-	-	0.50
Trades & Crafts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>2.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>2.50</u>

